

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the examination of the application. In view of the remarks that follow, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Claims 3-5, 7-12, 16, 17, 21 and 22 are pending. By this Amendment claims 1, 2, 6, 13-15 and 18-20 are canceled. Claims 3-5, 7-10, 12, 16 and 17 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 contain allowable subject matter and that claims 21 and 22 are allowed. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been placed in independent form. Dependent claims 3, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 are amended to depend from claim 4. Thus, this application should be in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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